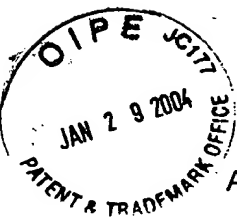


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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January 29, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, the period for reply thereto being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire on February 18, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.